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REMARKS

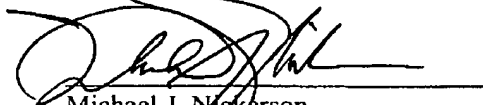
Claims 12-25, 30-34, 38-56, 65-86, 88-91, 97-111, 115-120, 124-138, 142, 145, 150-185, 187-253, and 255-266 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-11, 26-29, 35-37, 57-64, 87, 92-96, 112-114, 121-123, 139-141, 146-149, 186, and 254 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter contained therein.

As respectfully submitted above, dependent claim 38 has been included in the claim section. The various independent claims were previously amended to include the allowable subject matter noted by the Examiner in the Office Action of August 24, 2004. Therefore, all the presently pending claims are considered allowable over the prior art of record as noted by the Examiner in the Office Actions of August 24, 2004 and April 12, 2005.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, in view of all the amendments and reasons set forth above, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the present rejections. Also, an early indication of allowability is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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